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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A certified copy of corresponding Japanese priority application no. 11-335967 accompanies this Reply for the purpose of claiming foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119.